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Truman's Demands Upon Congress

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"Let us not take leave of our senses. Every form and type of Socialism is a 'pocket edition' of complete Communism."

PRESIDENT Truman's demands upon Congress for further changes in our traditional and constitutional system—instead of repairing the damage heretofore inflicted by so-called "progressive" or "liberal" politicians—cannot possibly receive support by any real sound-thinking American citizen, in or out of Congress.

The great statesman and true friend of humanity, Edmund Burke, never uttered a greater truth than when he said:

"The people never give up their liberties under *some delusion*."

The artful promotion of delusions is the customary method of destroying free institutions invoked throughout the ages. Rabble-rousing flattery of the people into believing that government will promote their greatest welfare under a so-called Welfare State, pretendedly run by the mass of the people, but actually dominated by some form of despotism, constituted the artful delusion used to destroy the free institutions of the old Roman Republic, and leave nothing of the Republic but a name and image.

A similar delusive method was resorted to in November, 1917, by Bolsheviks to rob the people of Russia of the first Republic of Russia which succeeded the Czars in March 1917, and which Republic had been promptly recognized by the American Republic, but destroyed eight months later.

The history of Soviet Russia since November 1917, has been chiefly one of intensive promotion of delusive methods for imposing systematized subjugation on an ever-increasing, and ultimately a world scale.

NATURE OF TRUMAN'S DEMANDS

The real nature and effect of President Truman's demands upon Congress for further changes in our traditional and constitutional system should be perfectly obvious to everyone of ordinary intelligence. No matter what may be President Truman's purpose and intention, the demands are inherently delusive and disastrous. In fact, it is inconceivable how

any person who possesses honesty and intelligence can reconcile with his conscience the support of any such demands, unless he be afflicted with historical, political, economic, and social ignorance of a peculiarly abysmal type.

COURSE IN FUNDAMENTAL AMERICANISM, NATURAL LAW, AND HISTORY

No one is really competent to hold an important office in any of the three separate and independent Branches of the Federal Government, unless he has had a sound and thorough course in Fundamental Americanism, Natural Law, and History, and has taken what he has learned so seriously as to thereby signally add to his stature, and make of him a true statesman, rather than a mere politician.

George Washington gave explicit warning in his Farewell Address against the giving over of our Republic to political parties, which often stoop to bi-partisan rackets to suppress, rather than stress, what should be vital issues. Such rackets have been almost rampant, and the rule rather than the exception, since as early as 1936, and the present plight of our Republic is not due to the American people, but to the circumvention of the will of the people through bi-partisan rackets.

It is patently absurd for any President of the United States, under such conditions or any others, to claim a "mandate" from the people to effect any change or changes in our traditional and constitutional system. President Truman is the first President to be elected since 1916 who failed to receive a majority of all the votes cast for President.

Forty-eight million of eligible voters saw no occasion for voting at all, and Truman's total vote was only less than one-half of the 47 million of eligible voters who actually voted. It was nothing short of an insult to American voters to offer them in the 1948 election—not a

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choice between our traditional and constitutional system, and State Socialism—but rather a choice merely between the Truman advocacy of State Socialism, and the Dewey advocacy of a somewhat faded carbon copy.

In any event, President Truman should well know that nowhere does the Constitution provide for the subordination of Congress to him, through a so-called "mandate" of the people or otherwise, and that he is wholly without authority to require particular legislation, but at most to offer suggestions, or send in vetoes, all of which Congress may override.

Congress itself is not empowered to legislate changes in our traditional and constitutional system. Congress' powers are carefully enumerated and listed in the Constitution itself, which makes plain that Congressional power is prevented from invading or encroaching upon the separate and sovereign power of the different independent States, and further that all powers not delegated to the United States, or granted to the States, respectively, are reserved to the sovereign people themselves.

President Truman and the members of both Branches of the 81st Congress would do well to remember that they have responsible official duties under the Constitution, from the due performance of which no political party, nor even a popular vote, can discharge or excuse them. Our Founding Fathers deliberately created a Republic, rather than a Democracy or Mobocracy, and wisely refrained from having the people generally empowered to make determinations requiring special equipment not possessed by the rank and file.

Our Constitutional System is one of de-centralization, rather than centralization. Neither State nor Nation has power to direct the life of any sovereign individual. His liberty and initiative are recognized to be essential and safeguarded against all interference, governmental and non-governmental. The wonderful fruits of American free enterprise were made possible by such safeguarding of indi-

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The Westward Course

By Dr. Gerald B. Winrod

"It would be a mistake for us to turn the clock back, resist the westward trend of civilization and violate a fundamental law of nature."

IT IS A FACT known to historians that civilization has for centuries traveled a westward course. The expansion of empires and the development of nations has always followed the path of the Sun, moving from east to west.

The cradle of civilization was in Asia. Then the westward march began. From Babylon to Greece. From Greece to Rome. From the continent of Europe to the British Isles. From France to Spain. From Europe to America.

Bishop George Berkeley, affectionately called by his admirers the poet-prophet of America, once wrote:

Westward,
The course of empire
Takes its way,
The first four acts
Already past.
The fifth shall be
The drama with the day,
Time's noblest offspring
Is the last.

Currents of enlightenment have always flowed toward our part of the globe. This magnetic pull, geared to the movement of the Sun, caused Christopher Columbus to turn west in search of a new world.

It was this tug of the unseen that inspired good people to leave the old world in frail vessels, travel over stubborn seas,

and seek a place where they could enjoy the advantages of human liberty. The missionary motive drove them forward.

New moral and spiritual forces were released which gave impetus to Christianity, and made priceless contributions to the science of government. The Cause of Christ was advanced. A premium was placed on liberty. Foundations were laid, broad and secure, upon which to build a structure of government where the State would be made to serve the citizen. Other systems, prior to that time, had regarded the citizen as the servant of the State.

This caused the Constitution of the United States to be written—a document which has provided more liberty and better living conditions, for a greater period of time, than any other nation has ever known. When William Pitt, England's greatest legal mind, read the immortal document, he exclaimed: "It will be the wonder and admiration of all future generations and the model of all future constitutions."

Another instance of progress, resulting from the westward pull, is noted in

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the experience of the apostle Paul as recorded in the sixteenth chapter of Acts. The great missionary had reached what he supposed would be the outer rim of his most extended tour. Arriving at the little island of Troas in western Asia, plans were made for a final circuitous preaching tour that would take him back east.

He made plans to leave on two different occasions. But the Holy Spirit checked him both times. Instead of returning east, they were called west. The record says: "A vision appeared to Paul in the night; there stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us."

This incident became the pivot on which Paul's missionary travels turned. A narrow body of water separated Troas from the coasts of Macedonia. The apostle and his helpers left immediately for Neapolis, Philippi, Thessalonica and other points along the way. The westward trek took him to Berea, Athens, Corinth and eventually Rome.

By this means, the Gospel came to grips with Grecian mythology and Roman paganism. It finally conquered these forces of darkness and spread enlightenment to the west, in the same manner that the Christian testimony triumphed over Judaism in the east.

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The providential turn in Paul's missionary ministry caused the impact of Christian truth to be registered upon western thought. From this action rose the currents of civilization that have since flowed across the centuries. Except for this fact, our part of the world would be languishing in ignorance, superstition and pagan darkness.

THE MEANING OF THE LAST ELECTION

It would be a mistake for us to turn the clock back, resist the westward trend of civilization and violate a fundamental law of nature. And yet, this very thing is being attempted!

An evil day dawned for our Country when, under a spell of New Deal deception, we went back to Europe for ideas on how to operate the Government of the United States. The American people blundered when they placed their trust in Franklin Roosevelt and the group of internationalists whom he represented.

The conspiracy was woven from silken lies of such elegant texture, that only the most discerning people understood the true character of the chains being forged about them.

A persistent effort has since been made to transplant outworn philosophies of government from Europe to America. We are witnessing an ominous trend . . . which if not reversed will mean the crucifixion of human liberty in the western world.

Do leftists, occupying seats in the United States Senate and House of Representatives, really think that Europe has anything worth going back to!

Fortunately, an ever-increasing number of Americans are becoming alert to the danger. Their thinking is coming into proper focus. They are understanding in a new way that, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." They repudiate the defeatist admission, made in some quarters, that the United States has to yield to Socialism and eventually come under the curse of a Soviet system.

They deny that the last election was a mandate to replace democratic government with Fascism, Nazism or Communism. The American people had no intention of voting away their heritage. Although Mr. Truman directed his appeal to the electorate along leftist lines, yet things were so divided that he received only a minority vote. And a mere fraction of those who cast their ballot for him, understood that they were supporting a program of National Socialism.

The following figures speak for themselves: 95 million adults were entitled to

vote . . . only 25 per cent voted for Mr. Truman . . . 67 million were registered, but 20 million decided not to vote at all, after listening to the campaign oratory. A dislike for Mr. Dewey seemed to crystallize in the public mind as the campaign progressed. He finally succeeded in snatching defeat out of the jaws of victory.

For years, Mr. Dewey has had to cater to large foreign populations in order to garner the New York City vote. This has caused him to veer toward the left. The people could see little difference between his speeches and those of Mr. Truman . . . except that the latter's were more emotional and seemed to express a greater degree of sincerity.

The campaigns of both candidates were conducted along lines inferior to the American tradition. The electorate sensed this to be the case because the total vote was 2 million less in 1948 than 1940, despite a substantial increase in population.

Roosevelt received a plurality of 7 million votes in 1932 . . . 11 million in 1936 . . . 5 million in 1940 . . . and 3 million in 1944. Mr. Truman's plurality was only 2 million. His election was in no sense a landslide.

Since Landon, Willkie and Dewey were publicly accepted as "me too" candidates, the citizens of the United States have had no opportunity of voting for the American system of liberty and free enterprise, in the last four Presidential elections.

Mr. Dewey's managers made the mistake of assuming that their candidate had to trail his opponent in order to win. Their frantic effort to gain the left-wing vote caused millions to stay at home.

Men and women who subscribe to the principles that have made our Country strong and great, feel they are being let down!

Two philosophies of government are locked in mortal combat—National Socialism and Fundamental Americanism. Exponents of the former comprise an organized minority, active, aggressive and dynamic. Exponents of the latter, comprising an overwhelming majority, have been too much inclined to take things for granted.

Our Country is being invited to commit suicide. Misguided people identify the new proposals as "Liberalism"—a term that has come to mean whatever is, is wrong and must be changed! The so-called Liberal of today is usually a person who wishes to see the citizen enslaved by the State. He is trying to introduce the methods here that have brought ruin to Europe.

If he succeeds, the Republic will col-

lapse. The due process of law clause protecting life, liberty and property—will lose its meaning. The people will be doomed to serfdom. America, instead of being a beaconlight to other nations, will grovel in misery and tyranny.

MR. TRUMAN

The president concluded his message to the Eighty-first Congress with reference to "the Divine Power" and "Almighty God." Speaking at St. Louis, enroute to Washington after the election, he solicited prayer "for the welfare of this great Country." If there is any question as to his sincerity in spiritual matters, he must be given the benefit of the doubt.

These are noble sentiments, of the type to which Christians attach importance. Someone told Abraham Lincoln that he hoped God would be on his side . . . but the emancipator replied that he was more concerned to be on God's side.

"Blessed be the name of God," said the prophet Daniel, "for he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding."

Mr. Truman comes from Bible-believing Baptist stock. He no doubt prays. It is to his credit, that immediately following his greatest political triumph, he should have spoken publicly about the need of prayer.

As a man who seeks guidance from above, he no doubt knows that God often answers the petition of the sincere heart according to what is *needed* . . . rather than what is *desired*. The Infinite Mind is all-wise. He knows best. America will be safe to the degree that our people seek to understand the will of Almighty God, and try sincerely to regulate their lives accordingly.

Things may not go as Mr. Truman and those around him wish—but things will go *right* if a sufficient number of people pray. Fortunately, we have access to powers above human levels.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14.

This is not a time for either rancor or timidity in facing realities. One would be lacking in candor if he failed to note that Mr. Truman's attitude toward Communism, has often been more tolerant, than the citizens of a Christian nation have a right to expect.

His opposition to the Committee On Un-American Activities, during its exposures of the Washington spy ring, is difficult to understand. Five years ago, while running for Vice President, he stated publicly in a speech at San Francisco

that Communist support would be welcomed.

On August 14, 1944, he sent a letter to the *Communist Daily Worker*, while a member of the United States Senate, in which he said:

"Appreciate very much your letter of July Twenty-Seventh, enclosing me a copy of an article by Mr. Adam Lapin. I think he has made an excellent analysis of the situation and I appreciate it most highly. I have been completely snowed under with correspondence, hence the delay in thanking you. You have my permission to print my comment. Sincerely yours (Signed) Harry S. Truman."

That was four years ago last August.

As late as February 28, 1947, Mr. Truman wrote former Governor Earle of Pennsylvania on White House stationery as follows:

"I appreciated very much your note of February twenty-sixth and I am very happy to be informed of your decision with regard to the American Anti-Communist Association.

"People are very much wrought up about the Communist 'bugaboo' but I am of the opinion that the Country is perfectly safe as far as Communism is concerned—we have too many sane people. Our Government is made for the welfare of the people and I don't believe there will ever come a time when anyone will really want to overturn it."

It will be recalled that Prime Minister Mackenzie King visited Mr. Truman at Washington two and one-half years ago. He is reported to have brought the names of 144 American officials and citizens, discovered by Canadian investigators, to be connected with the Communist spy ring, operating on the North American continent.

Instead of dealing with the problem openly and honestly as our neighbors on the north were doing, the matter was buried in the files of the New Deal. The Committee On Un-American Activities has been opposed at every turn, in its effort to bring the truth to light.

These and related facts are a source of anxiety to straight-thinking Americans, who do not wish to see their Country destroyed from within. Mr. Truman has great power . . . and also great responsibility. He has of late, spoken vigorously against Communism. Christians are praying that his actions will henceforth conform to his words.

His present legislative program is bor-

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rowed from the governments of Europe. But it will be recalled that upon taking office at the time of Roosevelt's death, he was as far to the right then . . . as he is to the left now. Something has happened during the interim.

Like Saul of Tarsus on the road to Damascus, he may again see "a great light," and return to the philosophy of the founding fathers. The situation is by no means hopeless. A collectivist, slave state is by no means a foregone conclusion in the United States. There is still hope. The soul of America is *not* dead.

SPIRITUAL REVIVAL NEEDED

Christianity is the lifeblood of human liberty. Collectivism, no matter the color of its shirt, reduces the citizens to slave status. Atheism is the natural religion of dictatorship . . . because in II Corinthians 3:17 we read: "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

People forced to live under dictatorship, regimentation and planned economy, develop shriveled souls. They are not allowed to think for themselves. They are not allowed to speak for themselves. They must live and die at the mercy of selfish men who are kept in power by secret police. If they insist on expressing ideas favoring human freedom, they are shot.

Christianity, on the other hand, has been from earliest times, the custodian of

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liberty. The religious forces of the United States therefore have a special responsibility in the present crisis. Our Churches need to proclaim a dynamic Gospel, a creative message, free from the devalitizing, denaturing influences of doubt, skepticism and unbelief.

Let the question mark be taken off the inspiration of the Scriptures, the deity of Christ, the virgin birth, the doctrine of the atonement and every other fundamental of historical and evangelical Christianity. Restore creative preaching to the pulpits of the land. Rebuild broken altars.

A revival of supernatural religion to ignite a spiritual flame in the soul of America . . . to involve the conscience and to rebuild the national character is now a necessity. High religious tides are always accompanied by economic stability, national prosperity and domestic tranquility.

History moves in cycles. We are today witnessing a revival of that system of belief, known as English Deism, which helped produce great havoc among the nations of Europe during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

By perverting the religious thought of Europe, it lifted restraint and contributed to the economic and political turmoil

The World-Case Report

By Dr. I. R. Wall

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which characterized the latter part of the eighteenth century.

Briefly stated, the basic idea of Deism as expounded by Spinoza and others, was to reject all the miracles recorded in the Bible. It denied everything supernatural in Christian faith and personal experience. On the other hand, the believer knows that every fundamental of the Christian religion involves a miracle—faith in the supernatural.

So today, as in the past, a conflict is in progress between naturalism on the one hand and supernaturalism on the other. In the face of present trends toward apostasy and the fact of widespread declension in Christian circles, there is urgent need for renewed emphasis upon the supernatural content of the holy Christian Faith . . .

There was a banquet at Gilgal. The record is found in the fourth chapter of Second Kings. The prophet Elisha was a guest of honor. A meal was prepared.

• One of the younger men decided to make an experiment. He disregarded the counsel of others and insisted upon trying something new. A huge container was filled with pottage and placed over the fire. An appetizing odor filled the air. A good meal was in prospect.

This young man went out and "found a wild vine," and threw it into the container. It was poison. Later the men cried, "There is death in the pot." "There is death in the pot." The experiment of the young man almost proved fatal. The prophet Elisha saved the situation. The guests did what the prophet said and were delivered.

There will be death in the pottage today if we set aside long-established American precedents, and ignore or repudiate fundamental doctrines that have stood the test of practical usage. The "wild vine" of left-wing political radicalism . . . and the "wild vine" of religious unbelief and skepticism are putting poison into the pottage. Wild vines have poisoned the American bill of fare. Both Church and Government are being weakened. Left-wing politics and left-wing theology have poisoned the pottage. There is death in the pottage.

The Government of the United States must be brought back to the political doctrines of the founding fathers. The Church of Jesus Christ must be called back to the verities of historical and evangelical Christianity.

"Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set." Proverbs 22:28.

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vidual liberty and initiative, and have been in striking contrast to the ever shrinking production obtained from any system of subjugation.

Everywhere in the world, when Socialism, Communism, or any other system of subjugation is substituted for individual liberty and initiative, ever-increasing scarcity and deficits are produced, and will continue until there is a restoration of individual liberty and initiative.

Those in public office, who are in any wise responsible for the continued pouring of American dollars into Socialist Britain and other Socialist or Communist regimes, instead of those regimes putting an end to scarcity and deficits themselves by restoring individual liberty and initiative (which are indispensable under natural law), cannot be said to be truly advancing the interests of the people of those regimes.

The performance is plainly keeping them in a condition for easy victimization through take-over by Communist revolution whenever the Soviet may wish. And in the meantime the billions of American dollars which are continuing to be poured into those regimes are serving the double end, (1) of keeping such regimes in power, and (2) of spending the American Republic more and more toward destruction, the ultimate Soviet objective.

Let us not take leave of our senses. Every form and type of Socialism (as the Communist Manifesto itself says) is a "pocket edition" of complete Communism. It is, therefore, an aider of Communism, and an ardent foe of individual liberty and free enterprise.

A stop should be put to further deception of the American people into believing that a halt is being called upon the spread

of Communism by our continuing to pour into bottomless rat-holes of Socialist regimes in Britain and Western Europe billions more of American dollars raised from our taxpayers, who are thereby deprived of enormous funds which might otherwise find their way into American private enterprise.

How many times is Socialist Britain going to be bailed out by more and more billions of American dollars? And why? Surely, it cannot be because Britain is our potential ally against the Soviet. Britain and the Soviet have a 20-year alliance between them of May 24, 1942, which has never been withdrawn, and is valued so highly by the Soviet that a painting of the signing hangs on the wall of the Great Conference Room in Moscow.

Since every form and type of Socialism is a "pocket edition" of complete Communism, and, consequently, at least an indirect aider of Communism, how can President Truman consistently seek to infuse a type of Socialism into our American Way of Life, while claiming a purpose to halt the spread of Communism which socialism automatically aids?

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS IN OUR REPUBLIC

There is a most amazing sequence of events in our Republic since November 1933, when the uncivilized Soviet was extended recognition as a supposedly civilized nation.

In 1934, the Manifesto of the Communist Party U.S.A. brazenly declared:

"The revolutionary way out of the crisis begins with the fight for unemployment insurance," etc.

Also in 1934, Stalin published the book "Foundations of Leninism" in our Republic insolently boasting:

"The revolutionary will accept a reform in order to use it as a means whereby to link legal work with illegal work, in order to use it as a screen behind which his illegal activities for the revolutionary preparation of the masses for the overthrow of the bourgeoisie may be intensified."

Instead of withdrawing recognition of the Soviet for its insolent violation in 1934 of the conditions imposed in such recognition in 1933, the New Deal Administration here gave real cooperation with the Soviet program, which the Soviet had proclaimed began with social security or unemployment insurance. On August 14, 1935, a Federal Social Security Act was enacted in the United States, and was declared by a 5-4 decision of the Supreme Court on May 24, 1937 to be constitutional (301 U. S. 548), in consequence of two Justices of that Court, who had become "Liberal" between the passage of the Act and the decision, casting their votes in favor of constitutionality.

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"The kind of work in which our Association is engaged, has become a national necessity. Our evangelistic forces are busy night and day—working, preaching, teaching, writing, praying. We know that, 'The night cometh when no man can work.'

"Please read prayerfully, the announcements made in the four 'boxes' above. Help us with your prayers, tithes and offerings. Write us a letter. We want to know that you are standing with us. We would like to enroll you as a member of our Prayer Band.

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A "Liberal" seems to be one who thinks it proper to alter the Constitution by changing its settled interpretation by changing persons, rather than having a proposed change of language taken up in accord with the provision in the Constitution itself. Any such departure would seem to almost invite usurpation of power, although Washington expressly warned against all usurpation.

The Soviet displayed the same cool calculation in behalf of Communism, when declaring that the beginning of its revolutionary fight was to be for social security, that the Communist Manifesto itself did when urging "A heavy progressive or graduated income tax." Each of such proposals was deliberately made to advance the Communist take-over through insidiously impoverishing the people and obliging them to look to the government to take care of them, and thereby making the people servants or serfs, rather than masters of government.

Such creeping Socialism is seeking to broaden its scope in every possible way. A wider coverage, as well as larger payments, for social security, to require tremendously increased tax levies and exactions which will hit practically everyone, is being sought by the Federal Social Security Bureaucracy, which also seeks to have Federal Compulsory Health Insurance instituted, including unthinkable and un-American Socialized Medicine,

which has proven to be a backward and disastrous step everywhere.

CONGRESS' FIRST AND GREATEST DUTY

Congress' first and greatest duty is to put a stop to the outrageous and unconstitutional trend to Socialism in our Republic, which is due to artful manipulation and against the wishes of all sound-thinking Americans. No Senator or Representative who actively participates in the performance of such plain duty should fear the attitude of any political party toward him on that account. His own conscience, and the even greater devotion of his appreciative constituents than heretofore, will make him glad that he has loyally and courageously performed his duty.

Congress cannot help seeing for itself that there is something else which must have immediate attention in order that there may be a real recovery from the dire effects of the trend to Socialism in this Country. Taxing away liberty in the guise of emergency or necessity must cease, and there must be a real beginning right now, instead of a boost of taxes between 4 and 8 billion this year.

Let us not be deceived by the delusive pretense that the individual's costs, burdens or losses will not be affected by billions of increased corporation income taxes. No one who has the slightest acquaintance with the real truth about the matter will so claim, or dares face anyone on that subject who knows the plain truth. Such increased taxes necessarily increase the selling price of products. Taxes must be paid out of receipts. They cannot be paid out of thin air.

AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE

Those in the 81st Congress who no longer believe in American Independence, but rather in Clarence K. Streit's strange Declaration of Inter-Dependence, as a substitute for our historic Declaration, ought to take the first conveyance back home, and make space for someone else who can loyally represent his State or Congressional District and his constituents.

In an official report of April 12, 1940, the Acting Comptroller General made known that the Streit Movement, as described in "Union Now," (Sen. Doc. 182, 76th Congress, 3rd Sess. p. 31)—"has gained such headway as to receive official sanction and advocacy."

While Streit advocates a "Union of the Free," he demonstrates that he does not know the difference between a despotism and a nation of free men, because he expressly advocated in his published writings the inclusion of "Socialist" and even "Marxist" governments in his "Union of the Free." And, because real Americans could not accept his strange definition of "the Free," Streit charged them with being "puny patriots" and "false Americans," "who, having profited themselves from America's free principles, have sought to keep these for themselves alone."

Streit ought to know that real Americans today want our blessing of liberty to be also enjoyed by "every nation which is yet a stranger to it," just as Washington wanted in his time, and so stated in his Farewell Address. But real Americans today do not hesitate to still ask, as did Washington:

"Why, by interweaving our destiny with that of any part of Europe, entangle our peace and prosperity in the toils of European ambition, rivalry, interest, humour or caprice?"

Let us not lose our sense of fairness and common sense, as Streit has done. No Nation of free men has ever provoked a war. It is the strongest bulwark against war, provided it is truly a free Nation, as is our Republic, with every State free, as guaranteed in the U. S. Constitution. A hybrid Union of despotisms (with a few nations of free men added) is necessarily a monstrosity. Those who look to such organization to assure or provide world peace and freedom have taken leave of their senses, if they do not have the ulterior purpose of obtaining a surrender of a portion of the sovereignty and independence of the American Republic, in order to remove the last remaining bulwark in the world today of Civilization, and against World Conquest by the Forces of Barbarism!

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Hello, Americans! This is Upton Close, your Washington Watchman, speaking to you from your nation's capital.

This is exactly the right time for us to look back over 1948 and size up what we have been through, then estimate what lies ahead. You have your personal problems, of course, which I cannot size up for you from my Washington Watchtower. But beyond that, you have the problems we share as Americans, and as members of this puzzled human race. So let's look at these problems together.

The first problem of all of us, old and young, is, I believe, a soul problem. It is the problem of loving and being loved, of feeling useful to ourselves and others, that keeps us going, and keeps us happy. Little children, and we big children, male and female, feel the need of loving and being loved. Psychologists call it the feeling of security. Politicians try to make us think that "security" is a matter of percentages taken each week by tax collectors and put down as little marks in a book somewhere to our credit. But security isn't anything you can wrap around the outside of you. Security is a feeling inside of you: The feeling of loving, of being loved, of being useful and being wanted.

Now, that is an individual problem for all of us, and I wish you the greatest success in solving it. It is also a national problem and you and I have got to take a look at how it is going nationally. You know, there was never another nation in history that craved so much to be loved, and that spent so much and talked so much trying to get other nations to love it, as our United States in recent years.

How does it go in your private life? The more you try to *make* people love you, or to *buy* them over with gifts, the less likely they are to love you, really. The more likely they are to despise you—isn't that so? And I think it is just that way between nations. But the more you act your own true self, especially if you are kindly and open-minded and upstanding, the more others are likely to admire and love you, and want to be around you. I think it is that way between nations, too.

Now it has cost us American people about seven billion dollars to try to make people love us and give us a sense of security the past year. But looking out from this Washington Watchtower, I can report signs that government officials and Congressmen are settling down to recognition that we can't buy love with money, and we can't build strong allies just by spreading money around.

When we grow up as individuals, we realize that we do not have money to do everything we want to do—not even a billionaire is that rich, and it would not be good for ourselves and others if we *did* have the resources to do everything we want to do. From here it looks as if we could set down the year 1948 as the year in which the American nation began to grow up about spending public money. It is too bad that our government's feeling that it must economize has to begin with China. But it is heartening that the Democratic Administration, which has found no spending or giving too appalling during recent years, confesses that there is a definite limit beyond which it dare not go.

Mr. Truman is said to feel very strongly that the limit of public debt has been reached. He is not too good at putting this feeling in words. He remarked recently that people do not understand. He does not know exactly how to say it, and he has let himself in for the biggest spending ideas in the Socialist book—such as federal-paid medical and sick care.

If we are going to save ourselves from being simply eaten up by taxes within the year 1949, we must make known to the members of Congress how we feel, and get this more grown-up attitude into their minds. They are going to vote more pay to government workers, from the President down, and including themselves. That is *their* reaction to the falling dollar—to vote themselves more dollars. And of course the labor unions are going to do the same. But who is going to vote *you* more dollars if you are a clerk or a housewife or living on pension or income left you? Or if you are one of those persons every wage earner admires but so few would have the courage to change places with—an enterpriser for himself? And even if you belong to a union that gets a new round of increases a couple of times a year, what good is it if you have it taken by higher taxes and higher prices?

Really, our national budget is so lopsided it is silly. Out of 40 billion dollars, if it is kept down to that, 15 billion go for armed services; that is, preparation for future wars, or protection against them. Ten billion go for veterans care; that is, for past years. Five billion for foreign countries, which you might put down partly as paying the repair bill for past wars

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and partly as building allies for future wars.

So, all in all, this great, peace-loving nation of ours is spending 30 billion dollars, three-fourths of its budget, on wars and internationalism, which are tied up together. That leaves 10 billion (one-fourth) to use on ourselves—although much of that 10 billion left out of the 40 is to take care of conditions that would not exist if we had not spent so much on war and internationalism.

I was in New York the past week talking to my very old friend, the columnist, George Sokolsky. He and I were cub correspondents in revolutionary China thirty years ago. "Sok," as his friends call him, always had uncanny intuition as to how the cat is going to jump. He tells me now that he looks for a great reversal of popular sentiment this coming year—that internationalism and talk of World Government and United Nations and One World and all that has had its day, and plain people in America are beginning to feel that internationalism simply hasn't paid off, but rather been a total loss. He predicts that Americans are going to turn back to strong nationalism and patriotism. He predicts that we will once more be enthusiastic about a strong, clean United States of America, and let the rest of the world try taking care of itself, once more.

Sokolsky may be right. These things run in cycles. It is a fact that internationalists have not brought nations any closer together in harmony than they were in 1914, despite two hot wars and a cold one, and two leagues of nations and billions of wealth taken out of America. I say billion—probably nearly a trillion dollars worth, if you can imagine such a figure. Internationalism has got mixed up with Socialism and Communism. This is turning many Americans against Internationalism. Then there is its expense, bearing down on us in taxes, and there is its general failure.

Carnegie, Rockefeller, and other rich men have set up great endowments of millions of dollars to promote Internationalism. One of these operates as the Carnegie Foundation. I'm afraid the revelations of involvement of Alger Hiss, President of the Foundation, in pro-Soviet activities, have quite ended the influence of this big propaganda institution, for

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Grant our supplication we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

now. The money Mr. Carnegie put into it might better have gone elsewhere.

Another Foundation, the Institute for International Education, which has Rockefeller money, and specializes in the exchange of foreign and American professors and students, has been put under a cloud by the suicide of its director, Laurence Duggan. Your Washington Watchman, who was visiting New York, happened to be only a few hundred feet up 45th Street when the body landed in a snow-pile of New York's first blizzard of this winter.

I could not help but think of the parallel of Jan Masaryk's death in Prague, Czechoslovakia. He was found at the foot of a window—whether a victim of the turmoil in his own mind or of outside violence, we do not know. I do know that Mr. Duggan belonged to that group in the State Department which called itself "Liberal," and favored making Soviet Russia strong enough to challenge and all but bankrupt us now. It was the general attitude taken by internationalists at the time. They also made it just as hard as they could for anyone who dared question their operations—the policies and operations which placed Russians in Berlin and Communists in China.

Internationalism gets us into one inconsistency after another. In China we are faced with call for a military expedition to rescue and protect our nationals. If we go into China with a military expedition, it

gives us the responsibility of being the big force there. Meanwhile, the falling Chinese government has turned from us to the Russian Embassy to mediate—and you know what that means!

In Indonesia comes another glaring inconsistency: We are supporting the Indonesian Independents against the Dutch effort to reconquer the Dutch East Indies. The Dutch say they have got to reconquer the natives because the British are planning to get all the economic benefit of the islands going independent, by making deals freezing out the Dutch, who put in a couple of centuries of development and exploitation.

The Dutch see no reason why they should be the "goats," and they say that if either side in the Near East can break United Nations truces and orders when it thinks them unfair, and get away with it, why can't the Dutch in the Far East? And when we crack down on the Dutch by cutting off European Reconstruction money, the British and French ask us not to get too tough because this might encourage the remaining colonial peoples in the British and French empires to rebel.

Thus our internationalism gets us into one inconsistency after another, one expense after another, one enmity after another. We went into it to support what we call "Democracy"—meaning quite the opposite of Socialism. But as a result we find ourselves supporting Socialist governments in Britain and all over Europe. Our diplomats refused to support certain leaders in Yugoslavia and China, calling them corrupt, but this just opened the door to Communism in both countries. And meantime in Greece and Western

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Europe we are supporting governments that are quite corrupt in order to fight Communism.

So, as 1949 begins, this nation may be moving in the direction of giving up the never succeeding effort to establish justice and prosperity around the world by spending our money and blood. We may be on the way to the tried and tested formula of concentrating on our own country and setting a good example.

Of course, the Internationalist groups are not going to give up easily, and their method is to get American interests and military forces more and more involved, in other words, keep us moving too rapidly to think. That is the pathway to empire.

So one alternative is a new American nationalism, a friendliness to the world but a return to the affairs of our own household. The other alternative is an American world empire of force and money, which will of course go bankrupt as have all empires in the past, because the people of even the richest nation haven't enough wealth and blood to keep the rest of the world in order.

It is wonderful, now, to have this ad-

mitted by the bureaucrats who run our national government here. It is the biggest news of this year, and, maybe, of sixteen years. We shall see what comes of it!

Having gone at some length into the problems of being nationally loved and of the hope of a new statesmanship of patriotism and economy, let's close with a brief look at the problems of food and war.

All forecasts are that our country and Europe will raise an increasing amount of food in these continents more than ever, and more than there is buying power to buy. No famine in Europe, and cheaper food in America, and that's good! But along comes William Vogt with a new book called "*Road to Survival*," digested in the January *Reader's Digest*, which tells us we will all be starving soon if we do not stop the waste of land and fertilizer and the increase of people. A lot of thought will have to be given in 1949 to this long-range food problem. We've got two and a quarter billion humans on earth now. It just won't carry three billion, says Mr. Vogt.

About war: In the same new *Reader's Digest* William Bradford Huie tells us we have enough atomic bombs to put Russia

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out of business in the first blow. And the 90 huge B-29's we have in Europe would be enough to carry them to targets.

That convinces me that Russia doesn't want war. I hope it convinces Stalin, who has just had his 69th birthday, and his understudies.

What You Can Do

The following question and answer appears in "One Hundred Things You Should Know About Communism and Education" . . . published by the Committee On Un-American Activities:

"What can I do?

"First, know the facts.

"Second, work in your own community to get rid of Communists and Communist influences, whether in the school system or anywhere else.

"Third, be prepared to face accusations of 'witch-hunting,' 'Red-baiting,' 'textbook burning,' and 'strangling academic freedom.'

"These are all standard smears in the Communist propaganda routine.

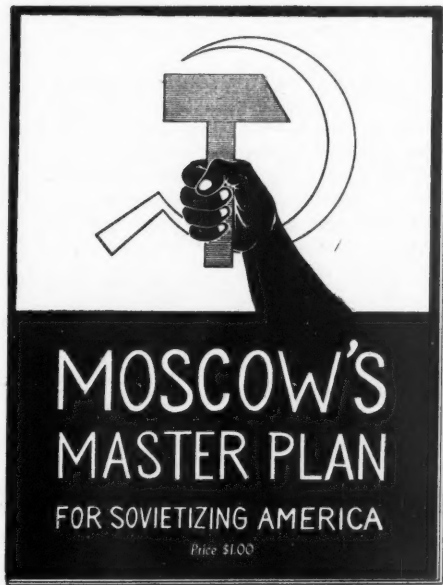
"Above all, remember that whatever you do you must always keep the Constitution of the United States in one hand and common sense in the other. The object here is not to destroy academic freedom. It is to stop Communism before it destroys us. The Communists can be stopped under our system of laws and must be."

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Here is a book that shows what makes Communism tick in the United States. It brings into plain view the men, women and organizations behind the plot to destroy the civil liberties of the American people on the pretext of promoting civil liberty.

The enemies are so powerful, deeply entrenched, thoroughly organized and well financed that, humanly speaking, the task of rescuing the Republic seems almost hopeless. Yet the contents of this exposure are so astounding that, if given average distribution, something akin to a prairie fire may ensue.

Unless millions of Americans are made conversant with the facts here set forth, the Communist program will become advanced in a way to preclude regaining the ground lost. When the reader finishes this book, he will have among other things, an understanding of the base from which the Washington spy ring operated.

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A Threat To Christianity

A Defender Hour Broadcast . . . By Dr. Gerald B. Winrod

THE INTERNATIONAL Communist movement is waging a war of extermination aimed at the Church of Jesus Christ throughout the world.

No racial or religious group of recorded history, has suffered to a degree comparable with what Russian Christians have endured since the reds came to power.

But despite these years of systematic persecution, there still remains a remnant of the Church in that unfortunate Country. Wave after wave of violence has been released against these suffering people. When things go wrong in Russia, Christians are made scapegoats. Opposition to them is publicized in such a way as to divert attention from Kremlin failures.

Jesus knew the future of the Church from the beginning. He knew that, with the passing of the centuries, it would endure persecution. He knew that His true followers would live in an unfriendly environment. There was affection in His words when He said: "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

He also said: "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you."

Never has this hatred—this anti-Christ attitude toward believers been so viciously and persistently manifested as in Soviet Russia. But the ultimate triumph of the Church is assured because the Master said: "Be of good cheer; for I have overcome the world."

The Church is an anvil on which the hammers of many persecutors have been broken. For the present, however, atheistic Communism continues to create hatred toward the person of Christ and His followers wherever its propaganda is tolerated.

Someone has described the relation of Lenin to Stalin, as that of Allah to Mohammed. Lenin is the god of Russia and Stalin is his prophet.

Lenin rejected all standards of ethics

and morality which respectable people generally associate with civilization. Atheism destroys moral consciousness. No God, no ethical or moral standards! No yardstick for measuring truth!

Here are some of Lenin's words:

"In what sense do we repudiate ethics and morality? In the sense that they are preached by leaders of existing governments who declare that ethics and morals are God's commandments. We of course say that we do not believe in God. We know perfectly well that the clergy, the landlords and the leaders of government speak in the name of God to pursue their own interests. We say that our morality is derived from the interests of the class struggle." Unquote.

Back in the days when Lenin and his international destroyers first began poisoning the minds of the Russian people with atheistic propaganda, they justified their hatred by pointing to corruption inside the Orthodox Church.

The State Church had drifted far from the apostolic ideal but the Russian people were *not* told that their churches would be closed by the new government. They were *not* told that professing Christians would be hounded, harassed, mistreated and murdered for engaging in divine worship.

I have before me a copy of Igor Gouzenko's amazing book, "The Iron Curtain." It will be recalled that Gouzenko is the young Russian whose testimony broke up the Canadian spy ring and caused several of its leaders to be sent to prison.

He tells in the third chapter of his book, how former priests of the Orthodox

Church are treated. The reader is taken through "a church which had been sealed for some time." One small door remains as the only entrance to the premises. Priests are at work on the inside, under orders to salvage the vessels of worship and interior decorations, for other purposes. An officer of the secret police (NKVD) is leading the group and acting as guide.

Gouzenko says: "The atmosphere inside was positively rank. But the workers (former Church leaders) stayed there from ten to twelve hours daily. A member of our group commented on the inferior appearance of the ex-priests and asked if this was due to their useless habits of the pre-Soviet era.

"That may have had something to do with it," the NKVD officer's hard face twisted into a leer, 'but most of them have contracted poison from working on the apparatus they used to employ in poisoning the people's minds. Fair enough, isn't it?'

"He laughed.

"You see, the acid which they are forced to use in washing off the guilt, gives off fumes which, in time, reaches their lungs. Still more of the acid works its way into their bodies through the hands.'

"Somebody asked if this poison resulted in a speedy death.

"No," replied the officer, 'a nice, long, slow death!'

"Again he laughed.

"Our guide went into even grimmer details. Many a priestly worker sent to a high scaffold, would faint from the fumes and fall varying heights, to the hard stone floor. Those who were fortunate enough to die were immediately buried in the cemetery near the church. The overseer merely had to report the incident and a replacement was sent from the concentration camps.

"Two things about that tour now strike me as symbolic of the devilish ingenuity behind Soviet methods.

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"First of all, there was the fact that this 'special' technique for punishing former priests was employed in secret fashion, with the poor wretches being taken after dark to a central collecting point, then moved to a church for all-night labor. In the early morning, while the residents still slept, they would be moved back to their concentration camps. In that way the Soviet prevented any embarrassing expression of public sympathy by people who still might be 'suffering from the religious germ.' Yet, and this is the second point, we young *Komsomols* were shown the 'secret.'

"The reason was obvious. We had not been infected by the 'germ,' and seeing such 'just retribution' would make us all the more appreciative of the stern way 'enemies of the people' are handled in the Soviet.

"These courageous men of God worked—and are likely still working in non-showplace spots of Russia, at washing off gold from sacred church articles, gold later melted and sent abroad to pay agents, to purchase machinery, to be used for the building of a 'happy and joyful life' in Soviet Russia."

This concludes our quotation from Igor Gouzenko's book, "The Iron Curtain."

Czar Nicholas granted religious liberty to all faiths in 1904. Opposition to religious groups continued, but not with government sanction. By 1917, when the reds gave the Country its blood bath, there were several million Bible-believing Christians in Russia, outside the State Church. These consisted of Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Evangelicals, Pentecostals and others. Large numbers of people were becoming true Christian converts.

Revival fires continued to burn right up to the time when the Bolsheviks assumed power and declared war on the Church. Since then, Christian families have been systematically uprooted. An estimated eighteen million human beings were destroyed, during the early years of the revolution, because they professed faith in Jesus Christ.

When an outraged world began to protest, the Soviet rulers tried to explain their deeds. Christians were pictured as being dangerous to the security of the state. They charged that those liquidated were guilty of plotting a counter revolution. Yes, Christianity runs counter to the whole Communist program for world domination!

Moscow has never deviated from this policy. There have been occasional lulls between spasms of persecution, but every such respite has resulted from advance planning. Periods of relaxation are always accompanied by the false claim that religious liberty exists in the USSR. There is, however, a more sinister purpose behind these lulls . . .

Persecution drives Christians underground. Then during the period of relief from pressure, they come into the open. Believing the Kremlin to be assuming a reasonable attitude, they worship more freely. This enables the secret police to identify them.

Then their leaders begin to disappear. Christian families vanish. Large numbers are sent to slave labor camps where they can hope to survive only a short time.

The greatest farce yet perpetrated by the men of the Kremlin was the writing and adoption of the so-called Soviet Constitution in 1936. This instrument was meant primarily as a propaganda medium for people *outside* Russia . . . rather than the suffering masses *inside*. Perhaps its most deceptive clause is Section 124 which states: "Freedom of religious worship and freedom of anti-religious propaganda is recognized for all citizens."

Notice, it says "anti-religious propaganda" is permissible. But nothing is said about "religious propaganda" being allowed.

To preach the Gospel, study the Bible, sing hymns, engage in public worship or speak to a man about his soul would be regarded as "religious propaganda." Religious propaganda is not permitted. But "anti-religious propaganda" has been legalized.

Wherever the red flag of Bolshevism flies, there determined efforts are put forth to exterminate Christianity. The fact that Moscow has found it expedient to convince a few gullible Preachers in the United States to the contrary, need not confuse the issue.

The most ridiculous of all arguments

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introduced to help the Communist cause, is the one frequently heard in liberal Church circles, to the effect that early Christians practiced Communism. Misguided Churchmen quote Acts 2:44 to support the claim. The passage reads: "And all that believed were together, and had all things common."

When pro-Communist Preachers use this verse, they should also quote the one just above it . . .

"Then they that gladly received his word were baptized."

I have not heard of the leaders in Moscow receiving the Word. I have not heard of them being baptized.

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added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things common."

Obviously there is a difference between atheistic Communism, promoted by Soviet Russia . . . and the conditions which existed in the Church immediately after Pentecost. Yes, there is a difference!

It is a matter of concern that there should be Churchmen so zealous on behalf of Communism, as to resort to the usual Party line of pinning the tag of Fascism on those who oppose the red ideology. There are men in the Church who even find it convenient to repeat the falsehoods of smear artists like Carlson-Derounian—character assassins paid to ruin persons in public life who oppose Communism.

Liberal Christianity so-called, and liberal politics seem to have a great deal in common. When a Preacher takes the position that Communism should be appeased in the United States, he is no

longer loyal to the person and message of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Many men of the clergy would be benefited by reading the one hundred questions and answers appearing in the report of the Committee On Un-American Activities entitled, "100 Things You Should Know About Communism and Religion."

I shall quote a few paragraphs from this important document.

Question Number 1. "If Communism should come to the United States, could I belong to a Church? . . . You would have to choose between Church and Communism. If you should choose the Church, then prepare for persecution."

Question Number 8. "Would my child go to Sunday School? . . . Not only would Sunday School be illegal, but also your child would be taught to report you to the police for trying to send him."

Question Number 14. "Would I be allowed time off for religious holidays and celebrations as now? . . . Not a chance."

Question Number 46. "Are the Communists (of Russia) satisfied with the damage accomplished so far? . . . No.

They will never accept as final anything less than the complete end of religion."

Question Number 60. "Are Communists trying to corrupt religion in the United States? . . . Yes."

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Question Number 72. "Are there Communist clergymen? . . . Unfortunately, yes."

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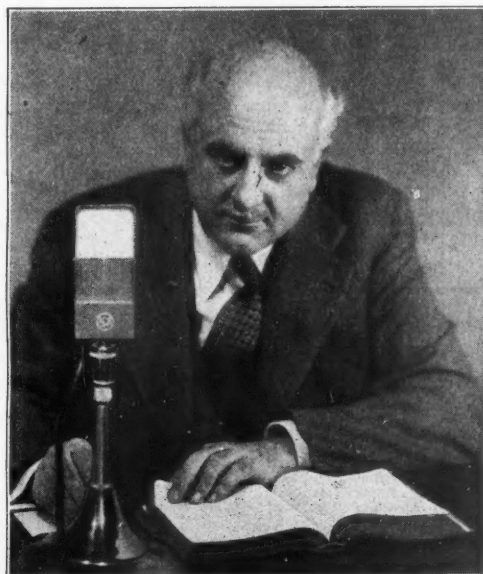
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Reporting From Washington

BECAUSE of Dr. William Frederick Koch's persecution by the Fishbein machine working through the Food and Drug department, certain members of the House and Senate are making a careful study of former Representative Dirksen's case . . . which has been summarized as follows:

Everett Dirksen served the sixteenth district of Illinois in the House fourteen years. Early in 1948, announcement was made that he would not seek reelection because of blindness.

George Dixon wrote in his syndicated newspaper column, March 27, 1948: "Because of failing eyesight, this gentleman (Mr. Dirksen) is quitting Congress, which he has adorned since 1932. His right eye is virtually gone and his left failing from a baffling affliction known as chorio-retinitis . . ."

Mr. Dirksen called at the Koch Clinic of Detroit early in April 1948 and received the same treatment which has cured

innumerable cases of so-called incurable diseases.

On June 21, 1948, Representative Tabor addressed the House of Representatives, praising Mr. Dirksen and deploring his departure from public life. He concluded his message with this note of optimism:

"The thing that pleases me most about that situation is that since he announced his retirement, his health has begun to mend, and it now looks as though he is on the road to permanent recovery."

On December 31, 1948, Representative Arends placed a newspaper editorial in the Congressional Record which contained these words:

"Dirksen rejected reelection, but has since staged a physical comeback that surprised even himself."

It is now being rumored that Mr. Dirksen expects to run for the United States Senate in 1950 against Senator Lucas of Illinois.

Certain members of the Congress consider it highly improper for the Food and Drug department to continue persecuting Dr. Koch, considering that one of their own number has realized such beneficial results from the treatment.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S appointment of Dean Acheson as Secretary of State, without first consulting foreign policy experts in either branch of Congress, took everybody here by surprise. It will be recorded as one of the most daring acts of his tenure in public office.

An editorial in the *Chicago Tribune*,

which brought discomfort to several Democrat Congressmen who are trying to go as far with the President as possible, stated:

"He might as well have named Alger Hiss. Acheson was Assistant Secretary of State through the war. Alger Hiss was his man. It might be said also that he was Hiss' man. Hiss was his principal follower in the State Department. They were widely recognized as leaders of the pro-Soviet bloc there."

Back in 1944, Adolf Berle, another Assistant Secretary of State, testified before the Committee On Un-American Activities that he broke with the Acheson-Hiss group over policies regarding Russia. This sent his diplomatic career into eclipse.

Berle told the Committee he was "worried" about Hiss. As a matter of fact, Whittaker Chambers had previously given him a part of the Hiss spy record.

When public interest became such that the spy ring hearings could not be called off as a "red herring," Chambers was allowed to hand over a group of damning documents to investigators. These proved what had been obvious for several years . . . that tentacles of the Moscow octopus reached into the very heart of the United States Government throughout the New Deal administration.

As a courier for the spy ring, it had been Chambers' job to pick up documents and transcripts of secret information taken from top-level offices in the Capital, and have them microfilmed and returned before their absence could be discovered. The information thus gleaned was turned over to one Colonel Boris Bycoff, head of Soviet intelligence in this part of the world.

Some of the documents produced by Chambers were in script, which he claimed to be Hiss' personal handwriting. The charge has not been denied.

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WORLD TRENDS

After the war, when public sentiment toward Russia began to change, Acheson left the State Department and returned to the practice of law in Washington. Donald Hiss, Alger's brother, became one of his partners. Their list of clients included the Communist Government of Poland.

Following his appointment by President Truman, Acheson appeared before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. When asked about his connections with the Hiss brothers, he said: "Donald Hiss remains a close friend and he is now my (law) partner and all that implies."

As for Alger, he answered that they "became friends (in the State Department) and remain friends."

Acheson can be seen walking approximately two miles to the office almost any morning, with his confidential advisor Felix Frankfurter, whose red record, covering a long period of years, is known to everyone.

WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, former Communist spy, has given the Committee On Un-American Activities the inside story of red infiltration of *Time* and *Life* magazines.

When Chambers came to work for *Time* in 1939, he found many among its 400 editors, associate editors, correspondents and research writers, whom he had previously known in the underground. He soon rose to a \$30,000 a year position. The magazines kept a large number of these alien-minded enemies on their payrolls despite his warnings. This is taken to explain why their columns have so often followed the Communist Party line.

Perhaps the public now has an explanation for *Life's* blatant falsehood, published during the war, that "a group of Funda-

mentalist preachers" had been taken to Germany; and "entertained by Hitler." When pinned down, Henry Luce the owner, could not name one such Minister of the Gospel. A blacker lie has never been published in the history of American journalism.

An attempt was made in those days to make Gospel preaching appear anti-Semitic, anti-Communist and seditious . . . the days when Walter Winchell screamed into the radio that Dr. Winrod had been chosen "first of a group of Fundamentalists men of the cloth to be sent to prison."

Chambers has given investigators a long list of names of *Time* and *Life* employees who will be checked if Congress continues to support its Committee On Un-American Activities.

It is noted that Chambers himself was never listed in Committee files prior to 1948, despite his six years service as a Soviet courier. Underground agents are instructed to avoid all open contacts with Party leaders and fellow travelers.

"ME TOO" REPUBLICANS appear to be in for trouble. Those who follow Senator Morse, on outright New Dealer operating under a Republican label, will soon find themselves at odds with both Party management and public sentiment—according to present trends.

The Russell Davenports are no longer wanted. Governor Dewey is seldom consulted. Senator Lodge was soundly beaten by Senator Taft for Senate leadership.

Taft's rallying call, "Republicans should present a constructive program, opposing every unnecessary addition to the totalitarian powers of the federal government," has found echo among members of

his Party, both on Capitol Hill and out over the Country.

Hugh Scott, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, has sent a letter to 22,000 Republican leaders, reaching into every precinct of the United States, which virtually invites those who advocate "me too" policies, to join the New Deal.

"There is plenty of room in the United States for two major parties, and the continued strength of our governmental system makes maintenance of two strong and vigorous parties absolutely essential," said Chairman Scott.

"There is, however, a substantial area in which no agreement is possible so long as the Republican Party stands for the maintenance of our representative Republic and the group of discordant elements known as the Democrat Party stands for something entirely different.

"We may as well face the issue frankly and say to those who believe that we should imitate the Democrats in all things, *their proper course of action is to support the Democrats.*"

Those who applaud Mr. Scott's forthright stand, are calling attention to the fact that the only national election won by Republicans since 1928, was in 1946, when they openly opposed the New Deal. They have lost every time they ran as a "me too" Party.

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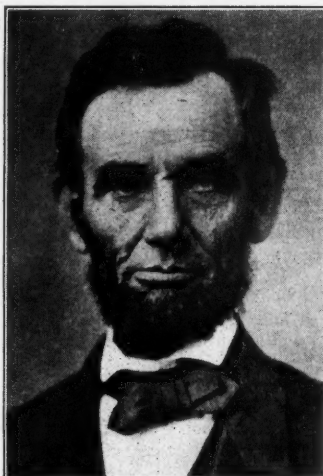
"That the Almighty does make use of human agencies, and directly intervenes in human affairs, is one of the plainest statements of the Bible. I have had so many evidences of His direction, so many instances when I have been controlled by some other power than my own will, that I cannot doubt that this power comes from above.

"I frequently see my way clear to a decision when I am conscious that I have no sufficient facts upon which to found it. But I cannot recall one instance in which I have followed my own judgment founded upon such a decision, where the results were unsatisfactory; whereas, in almost every instance where I have yielded to the views of others, I have had occasion to regret it. I am satisfied that when the Almighty wants me to do a particular thing, He finds a way of letting me know it."

Lincoln had foreknowledge of his death and accepted the event as part of the divine plan for himself and the nation.

In the great oration which Bishop Matthew Simpson delivered at the funeral in the oak-covered cemetery at Springfield, he disclosed that Lincoln had told him secretly: "I shall never live out the four years of my term. When the rebellion is crushed, my work is done."

One of the most impressive records regarding Lincoln's premonition of approaching death, was left by his friend, Rev. Charles P. Chiniquy. The conversation occurred at the White House, June



9, 1864. Grant had just forced Lee to retreat toward Richmond. The end of the war was in sight.

Chiniquy quotes Lincoln as saying: "Let me tell you that I have lately read a passage in the Old Testament which has made a profound, and I hope, a salutary impression on me." The President then took up the Bible that always lay on his desk and read Deuteronomy 3:22-27.

The passage refers to Moses viewing the promised land from the top of Mount Pisgah, but being denied the privilege of entering. When he had finished reading, Lincoln said: "I have read these strange and beautiful words several times the last few weeks. The more I read them, the more it seems to me that God has written them for me as well as Moses."

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sulting from the firm conviction that his closing hours were near at hand, he continued:

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That Lincoln had a profound knowledge of Scripture which he put to constant use in both the small and greater things of life, no one will deny after reading this book. Dr. Macartney says: "If a public man were to quote the Bible today as frequently as Lincoln did, he would be charged with cant or hypocrisy."

WHY DEWEY LOST

PERHAPS the most penetrating analysis of the Dewey defeat since the campaign, appears in the current issue of Merwin K. Hart's *Economic Council Letter*.

The well-known New York writer on political questions says: "Defeat came for just one reason: For the third time in 12 years the left-wing, self-styled 'liberal' element infiltrated the Republican Party and guided its course and that of its candidates for President.

"Mr. Truman had a forlorn case, but he worked night and day. Mr. Dewey's campaign rang with insincerity from first to last.

"The great question before the American people was — and still is — whether we are going Socialist, and eventually Communist, or are to return to the American system of private enterprise, private property and individual initiative."

Mr. Hart correctly contends that the voters have had only one opportunity to express themselves against the New Deal since 1928 . . . namely, the 1946 election, and that campaign resulted in a Republican victory. The 1940, 1944 and 1948 Presidential nominees ran as "me too" candidates. And it might be added that Landon, before Willkie, would have followed the same course had he known how!

The *Letter* contends: "One thing Mr. Dewey said often during the campaign was true — that the American people were ready for a change. God knows, that was true. Yet he offered them no change in policy.

"Long before election day Mr. Dewey had made it clear that, if elected, the Republican Party would continue the New Deal — would even broaden it. For Mr. Dewey advocated measures that even the Roosevelt New Deal had not put through. He betrayed not only his Party, but his Country. He did practically nothing but smile and utter generalities.

"While Mr. Truman was fighting vigorously for the radical program of his Party, Mr. Dewey was contenting himself with telling the people how much of that program he was for. He led his Party to the greatest disaster it has suffered in the 92 years of its history. It was not so much a Truman victory as a Dewey defeat.

"Instead of calling on Americans to abandon a Collectivist detour and to get back on the main highway of our greatness, he merely repeated meaningless platitudes about our national unity, or, just avoiding being too specific, he said, 'Me, too' to the New Deal."

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MERWIN K. HART enters forbidden territory when he exposes the secret hand of international Jewry, manipulating the high command of both major parties. The meaning is clear although he uses such terms as "Zionist" and "internationalist" instead of "Jew."

Why did both Dewey and Truman gear their campaigns to the Left?

Because, says Mr. Hart, "There is a world-wide conspiracy to put over International Socialism. This internationalist Socialist movement is amply financed. It has the support of clever writers and radio commentators. It has the support conspicuously of the Zionists who are using the resources of the United States to set up and finance their vicious schemes in Palestine.

"The New Deal party has long been largely in the hands of these internationalists. Their great purpose now is to get the Republicans completely into the same hands. Already a goodly number of men in Congress, such as Senators Ives, Aiken, Vandenberg, Morse, Tobey, and to a lesser degree certain others, appear to be part of this internationalist front. Similarly a number of Republicans in the House, though less in proportion, are internationalists.

"The program calls for the complete sacrifice of the American Republic — which would be merged with all other countries in a world Government. This, we may be sure would, if it could exist at all, be under Zionist control. Thus at the present time the American Republic is being squeezed between two great forces — Soviet Russia with her Communist Fifth Columns in other countries, and the internationalist group in the United States.

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WHAT COURSE must a Preacher follow to be branded an anti-Semite? Why in recent years have so many fundamental Bible-believing Ministers been labeled with the seeming stigma of this magnified misnomer?

I have been made the target of this term at times, by the smear brigade of the Communists and their underground of minority race terrorists. For that reason many good Pastors have shied from association with me through fear, and even on occasion have raised their voices against me, when such action seemed to give them an advantage.

Time is a wonderful ally to those who will patiently wait. The fallacy of adopting a conciliatory attitude toward admitted enemies, is now apparent to some who thought appeasement their greatest weapon. But, back to the question: "What leads to the branding of a Preacher as an anti-Semite?"

Rex Steward Lindquist, Pastor of the Church of the Open Door, Denver, has been carrying a broadcast on radio station KTLN, which he calls the "Message to Israel." His talks are usually regarded as the type designed to fatten the ego of the local Jewish community. But members of the race evidently fail to appreciate his fine intentions.

In his paper, *The Challenger*, for December 23, 1948, Mr. Lindquist carries an item under the head, "Jews Force Us Off The Air." Of all places to find such an article!

He gives the following explanation to his Denver constituents: "Our broadcast, 'Message to Israel,' has been put off the air by Jewish pressure. Jewish people called station KTLN, the *Denver Post* and ex-governor Alf Landon at Topeka,

who is owner of the station. Our next step was to go into the camp of the 'enemy' by taking transcriptions of the broadcast to Mr. Louis Sidman, local secretary of the world-wide Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith."

For a record of Mr. Sidman's opposition to the Gospel of Christ, attention is invited to my book, "Conspiracy."

Our ministerial colleague continues his *Challenger* article as follows: "This organization of Jewish people is one of the most powerful in the world. Mr. Sidman admitted that the program was purely mis-



Dr. Springer

The well known cowboy Preacher might say, "I told you so!"

sionary and not anti-Semitic, although he said that the Orthodox Jews in particular feel that any attempt to convert them is 'anti-Semitic.' "

What must one do to be branded as anti-Semitic? Merely preach the Gospel of salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ. This has been my experience.

Conspiracy

By Dr. Harvey Springer

This book exposes the anti-Christ power that must be broken in the United States, if our Country is to be spared the fate of Europe. "Conspiracy" contains facts, photostats, names, dates, places, incidents—showing how the red underworld operates. A book for both clergy and laity. Price 50 cents . . . **DEFENDER PUBLISHERS . . . WICHITA, KANSAS.**

Ministers who thought they could align themselves with the enemies of Christ against fundamental Preachers and thus advance their personal interests, are finding that it does not pay. Mr. Lindquist has announced his intentions of securing time on some other station to continue his "Message to Israel."

Editor's Note: The Communist Party, B'nai B'rith and other left-wing groups of the Rocky Mountain area, organized to destroy Dr. Springer and the Church of which he is Pastor, in 1946. Riots were even started at his services. Torrey Johnson, who was then head of the Youth for Christ movement, entered into a conspiracy with the Chicago branch of the B'nai B'rith to attack the well-known Baptist Preacher.

Johnson joined the smear campaign by writing an insulting letter to Dr. Springer, and turning it over to his B'nai B'rith friends in Chicago. The infamous missive was published in a Denver newspaper three days before Dr. Springer received his copy.

Thereupon, a small group of Denver Preachers was assembled by Colorado B'nai B'rith leaders, to publicly castigate Dr. Springer.

Mr. Lindquist was a leader of this group.

Alone

IT IS human to stand with the crowd; it is divine to stand alone. It is manlike to follow the people, to drift with the tide; it is godlike to follow a principle, to resist the tide.

It is natural to compromise conscience and follow the social and religious fashion for the sake of gain or pleasure; it is divine to sacrifice both on the altar of truth and duty.

"No man stood with me, but all men forsook me," wrote the battle-scarred Apostle in describing his first appearance before Nero to answer charges brought against him by the Jews.

Truth has been out of fashion since man changed his robe of fadeless light for one of faded leaves.

Noah built and voyaged alone. His neighbors laughed at his strangeness and perished in style. Abraham wandered and worshiped alone. The people of Sodom smiled at the simple shepherd, followed the fashion, and fed the flames. Daniel dined and prayed alone. Elijah sacrificed and witnessed alone. Jeremiah prophesied alone. Jesus lived and died alone.



APPLES OF GOLD

"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." Proverbs 25:11.



I WAS BORN an American; I will live an American; I shall die an American.

—James Monroe.

Liberty and Union, now and forever, one and inseparable.

—Daniel Webster.

Think of your forefathers! Think of your posterity!

—John Quincy Adams.

Our Constitution is in actual operation; everything appears to promise that it will last; but in this world nothing is certain but death and taxes.

—Benjamin Franklin.

There is no grievance that is a fit object of redress by mob law.

—Abraham Lincoln.

While the people retain their virtue and vigilance, no administration . . . can very seriously injure the government in the short space of four years.

—Abraham Lincoln.

A decent and manly examination of the Acts of Government should be not only tolerated, but encouraged.

—William Henry Harrison.

Absolute freedom of the press to discuss public questions is a foundation stone of American liberty.

—Herbert Hoover.

Said John Oglethorpe to John Wesley, "I never forgive." To which Wesley made a prompt response: "Then, I hope, sir, you never sin."

Some preachers pound while others expound; some explode while others explain.

When it gets so dark you can't see in any direction, look up.

The time to watch yourself the closest, is when you think nobody is watching you.

Blessed is the man who is too busy to worry in the daytime and too tired to lie awake at night.

Though the body may be imprisoned, the soul can be free.

—Joseph Russell.

Some people give according to their means and others according to their meanness.

There is nothing which God will not do for a man who dares to step out upon what seems to be in the mist, though as he puts his foot down he finds a rock beneath him.

—F. B. Meyer.

He stands best who kneels most.

The man who removed the mountain began by carrying away small stones.

—Chinese Proverb.

FAITH is dead to doubts,
Dumb to discouragements,
Blind to impossibilities,
FAITH makes the Uplook good,
The Outlook bright . . .
The Future glorious.

Honor lies in honest toil.

—Grover Cleveland.

History teaches everything, even the future.

—Lamartine.

We can all be heroes in our virtues, in our homes, in our lives.

—James Ellis.

He who will not economize will have to agonize.

—Chinese Proverb.

The best carpenters make the fewest chips.

—German Proverb.

One thorn of experience is worth a whole wilderness of warning.

—James Russell Lowell.

Wisdom is knowing when to speak your mind and when to mind your speech.

—The Sun Dial.

After all, our worst misfortunes never happen, and most miseries lie in anticipation.

—Balzac.

It isn't the number of hours a man puts in; it's what a man puts in the hours that really counts.

—The Gilcrafter.

Nature made work a necessity, science made it a virtue, and habit can make it a pleasure.

—Charles E. Becker.

Any man may commit a mistake, but none but a fool will continue in it.

—Cicero.

Worse Than An Infidel

Sermon of the Month

By Dr. R. S. Beal . . . First Baptist Church . . . Tucson, Arizona

BUT IF ANY provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel." (I Timothy 5:8).

Paul is addressing young Timothy and instructing him concerning the common relationships of life. No Minister is called upon to hold himself aloof from others. The aged and young, both men and women, come under Paul's observation. Children are not forgotten, and there is special instruction as to the life of widows.

Then he says to Timothy: "These things give in charge (press upon them), that they may be blameless (free from reproach)." The great Apostle reminded him that if any one is not concerned about his own, then his attitude is worse than that of unbelievers of the most pronounced type.

Within the fellowship of the Church and also of the family circle, there are duties to be performed in accordance with the will of God. Our profession as Christians forbids that we neglect the things that Paul enumerates.

I recall the time when I felt infidelity was about the lowest condition into which a man could sink. Every little community seemed to have its outstanding infidel—someone who was blatant in his denunciation of things sacred. To hear a man berate the Bible, laugh at the thought of God, and desecrate Sunday, sent cold chills running up and down my spine.

Infidelity waits until Christianity builds schools and colleges and hospitals and develops mission fields, and then comes along in its most subtle form and steals them. Infidelity would cast God out of His heavens and elevate man to the vacancy.

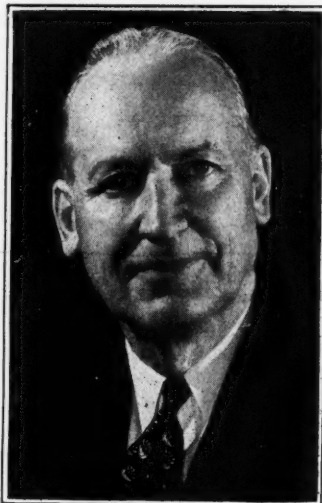
Infidelity makes man his own saviour. A certain infidel told a group of college students that in his section of the Country, most men were lumbermen. He said that men took the wood, and out of it came energy such as electricity and other forms of usefulness. In like fashion, all they needed to do, according to his idea, was

to take the raw produce of human nature, rightly train themselves and they would be useful citizens and good people.

But this man forgot that even the wood had to come in contact with fire. The hand of another had to touch it. There was no resident force to accomplish anything. It was subject to another. The same thing is true with men. They need to be touched by a power that is higher than themselves, if they are to be what they ought to be, and that power is God which comes to the believer through Christ.

Sometimes I wonder, as I come in contact with men who are loud in their boast of infidelity, just how deep-seated is their unbelief. I am reminded of the story of a missionary who was traveling through the Canadian backwoods and lost his way. As he wandered about, he came upon a group of settlers gathered around a fire listening to a discourse. To the horror of the missionary he found the speaker was trying to prove there was no God, no heaven, no hell and no eternity.

When the orator ceased, the missionary



Dr. Beal

stood up and said: "My friends, I am not going to make a long speech to you, for I am tired, but I will tell you a little story. A few weeks ago I was walking on the banks of the river not far from here. I heard a cry of distress and saw a canoe drifting down the stream and nearing the rapids. There was a single man in the boat. In a short time he would approach the waterfall and be gone. He saw his danger, and I heard him scream, 'Oh God, if I must lose my life, have mercy on my soul.' I plunged into the water and reached the canoe. With God's help I dragged it to land and was thus able to save him. The man whom I heard praying to God to have mercy on his soul is the man who has just addressed you, saying that he believes there is no God, no heaven, no hell and no eternity."

Once it was said that a certain infidel was addressing a large audience. In the midst of his message, he pulled out his watch and gave God, if there was a God, just five minutes in which to strike him dead. After the five minutes had passed and nothing happened, he declared to his audience that this proved there was no God. When the incident was told to Dr. Theodore Parker, the great English preacher, he said: "Did the silly little man think he could exhaust the patience of God in five minutes?" According to the Psalmist, only a fool says in his heart: "There is no God."

As we think about the subject matter of the text before us, let us keep in mind that the future is in view, just as much as the present. We must keep both the present and the future before us. It is folly to close our eyes to either. Some live only for the present and pay no attention to the future. Others are so absorbed in the future, they pay little attention to the present. Both are unrealistic from the Bible point of view.

There are "things present" and there are "things to come." There are "things seen" and there are "things unseen." It is well to become other-world minded, but we must not forget this present world and the duties immediately at hand. In a straightforward way the Apostle's Spirit-guided pen calls attention to both realms.

He that provideth not for his

OWN COUNTRY

may be thought of as being worse than an infidel. When a person becomes a Christian, greater are the responsibilities of citizenship that devolve upon him. Instead of being less concerned about his Country, he is to become more concerned to make a worthy contribution toward it.

Infidels may be patriotic and vitally interested in the material welfare of their Country and even in its moral fibre. During the war, no doubt many an infidel fought alongside of Christians in order to help preserve our precious liberties. But the Christian who fails to provide for his Country is worse than an infidel.

The question may be asked as to why he is worse. He is worse because he makes a greater profession than the infidel. He is worse if he fails because more has been done for him by his Lord. There are times when Christians along with all others must not only contribute taxes and time and thought for their Country, but if need be, their lives as well.

Peter saw the truth as to the divine appointment of government and gave full expression to it. He wrote: "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king."

There was no note of rebellion to government in the ministry of our Saviour, nor in the teachings of the apostles.

The best citizens are those who live closest to God and who are willing to abide by His Word. For Christians to make fun of rulers, to dodge paying their just taxes, to fail to pray for their Country, is to be out of harmony with the will of God. Instead of withdrawing from national affairs when he becomes a Christian, he is to enter into them with more understanding and with a better appreciation of what contributions God expects him to make for the welfare of his nation.

Jesus reminded us that Christians are "the light of the world," and they are "the salt of the earth." God forbid that the light should fail, or that the salt should lose its savor and become insipid.

Let us note again that he that provideth not for his

OWN FRIENDS

is worse than an infidel. No doubt infidels cherish friendships as much as any normal person. They prize contacts with others and would regret having to go through life without friends. Whose life is worth living if it has to be lived in solitary confinement? Like any one else, the infidel feels that even if he may not have much of this world's goods, yet if he has true friends, he is worthy.

We must ever keep in mind that friendship means responsibility. As a Christian I have obligations in friendship which if I do not meet, makes me worse than an infidel. With a Bible in hand, I learn that I am to be interested in the soul salvation of my friend. I am to seek his development in spiritual things if he is a Christian. I am to be to him a worthy example of Christian living.

Christianity ought to make me a better friend and enable me to inspire my friends to holier living. If as a Christian I fail to do this, I deny the faith in that I do not believe what God says about the soul

and life of another.

Under no circumstances is a Christian to withdraw himself from association with others. While he is to walk the pathway of separation from the world, he is not called upon to hold himself aloof. If he does, how is he going to win others for Christ? Friendships with unsaved, should be for the express purpose of seeking to lead them to salvation through Jesus Christ.

Christians are not to participate in worldly practices, nor are they to affiliate themselves with worldly institutions but they are to go "into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." We are to touch men that we may win them. An infidel might deny God with his mouth, but a Christian who acknowledges God with his mouth, may deny Him by his actions, thus becoming in a very definite sense worse than an infidel.

The infidel denies God and lives a godless life. The Christian professes to love



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God and in such a profession he must be consistent, and thus live a godly life—a life controlled by God.

There is another aspect of this text which suggests itself to my mind, in fact, it is the direct statement of the passage. He that provideth not for his

OWN FAMILY

is worse than an infidel. The exact wording, "his own house" or as the margin renders it, "his own kindred." The question is . . . What are we doing for our "own house," and for our kindred?

If I am not doing all that the Word says, professing to follow its teachings, then I make myself worse than an infidel. Herein we need to be on our guard. Every Christian needs to make provision for his family for time and eternity.

In what way shall a Christian provide for his family? Some feel that it should be by life insurance. This question has been a subject of heated debate through the years. Some say that it is an evidence of unbelief, while others feel that it is in harmony with the will of God. Let every one be persuaded in his own mind.

If the Lord tarries, I will leave my family sooner or later, but in what condition will I leave them and what heritage will be theirs as a result of my concern for their welfare? By the grace of God I will move into a mansion by the river front in His blessed presence. Will they, through my carelessness, be compelled to move into a shack on the river bottoms?

Personally, I have never felt that holding an insurance policy was any lack of faith on my part, nor was it an unequal yoking, any more than doing business with a groceryman who was not saved. Insurance is not for me, but for mine. Some one has remarked that Joseph was president of the first insurance company.

He made provision against the future.

Making provision against the future for one's family is a matter of good judgment it seems to me, and in this a man can trust God rather than depend upon merely earthly possessions.

Earnest Christians have said to me that we are not responsible to leave anything behind, when we depart from the scenes of earth. It is argued that the God-honoring Christian always leaves his family well provided for, since he commits them into the hands of God. Does he leave them any the less in the hands of God if he has made some sort of material provision for them as against the day of his death? May God give us wisdom as we face these things lest we be worse than an infidel.

There is another suggestion I find in this passage. If a man provideth not for his

OWN SOUL

he is worse than an infidel. An infidel refuses to believe in the existence of God and denies the truth of the Bible. But the average man believes at least there is a God. He feels that Jesus Christ is His Son and that the Bible is His Word, though he has not surrendered to these sacred truths. Knowing these things to be true and failing to commit himself to them, makes him worse than the infidel who refuses to acknowledge anything as sacred and divine in origin. Our rejection brings upon us the greater condemnation.

No matter how we may argue, there is a future. Jesus made this plain in every sermon He preached, and in most of the parables He uttered. While multitudes of men are wrapped up in material and temporal things, a moment is coming when it will dawn upon them that an eternity has to be faced. The tragedy is, their awakening may come too late.

It has been said by economists that heaven is an income of a dollar and an outgo of ninety cents, while hell is an income of a dollar and an outgo of a dollar

and ten cents. So far as the present world is concerned, there is a measure of truth in this statement. The saving of a surplus, however small, is the first step towards economic success, for saving is simply buying a greater future by a smaller present sacrifice. But as far as eternity is concerned, heaven and hell are infinitely more than an economic condition.

I hear insurance agents say of their company that it offers the best protection known to man, which may or may not be true. But with all assurance, I can say the same thing of the King's Insurance Company. It is the oldest and the most reliable because the Lord Jesus is its founder. It has never changed management and is the only insurance company insuring against shipwreck on the ocean of life or the river of death. It is the only company insuring against the great judgment day of fire. *It insures man for more than he is worth.*

It is blessed to know that God offers a paid up policy. There is no premium to pay, because Jesus paid it all. On the Cross, He cried, "It is finished." All that was necessary to do . . . all that was necessary to pay, was accomplished by Him. The only condition attached to this divine policy is the acceptance thereof. God will not force any individual to receive it. He offers it as a gift. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Some years ago Dr. Frank Crane said in an article published in a leading magazine: "If I were twenty-one, I would have a religion, and my religion would be summed up in two words, do right. I would have no fear of the future." The only "do right" pleasing to God or that will help the sinner is, to believe on Him whom He hath sent. Doing this, there can be no loss here or hereafter.

The policy of which I speak offers real dividends, not only for the future, but also for the present. There is no promise in the Word of God that any policies will be written tomorrow. " . . . Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

"Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian. And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds." (Acts 26:28-29).

"Almost" is the saddest word in the English language. The measureless distance between "almost" and "altogether" is the difference between heaven and hell. Knowing these things, may God help us to come now, and to come as we are! It is not a question of merit, of character building or works, but of simple faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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FOREIGN MISSIONS

Defender Theological Students

PICTURED below are three representative young men from the student body of the Defenders Theological Seminary in Puerto Rico. These, and approximately one hundred others like them, are receiving training for Christian service which compares favorably with the best offered by seminary and Bible training institutes in the continental United States.

All are studying for the Gospel ministry. They are training to become servants of Christ and missionary leaders among the Spanish-speaking peoples of the world. Many will remain in the West Indies after completing their prescribed courses. Others will move to broader frontiers. Graduates are already active in various vocations of Christian service.

Great poverty exists in Puerto Rico, due in part to over population. Many students come from the poorest and humblest walks of life. Their schooling depends upon assistance received from Christians residing in the United States, who possess a missionary vision and heart motive. This is true of the fine young men whose photographs appear below.

The Seminary is now in its fourth year

... and the phenomenal progress thus far witnessed, confirms the fact of God's blessing on the undertaking. "This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes." Psalm 118:23.

Students Ismael, Francisco and Jose were invited to give their personal testimony upon entering the Seminary. At that time, they said in part:

Ismael Alvarez Muniz: "I was born in the town of Bayamon. My life was one of sin until conviction came upon me and after that conversion. I was baptized in a Church at Guaynabo. I served in the army during the war and suffered adversities and persecution.

"Returning home to Puerto Rico, I had the firm purpose to work actively for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He knows I want to be my best for Him. Realizing my need, I asked permission to enroll in the Defenders Theological Seminary, where I could study the Word of God and win souls to Christ. It is my desire to become a Preacher of the Gospel among my people."

Francisco Rodriguez: "I am 27 years old and I come from Manabo on the

south side of the Island, which is a mountainous rural district. We have a Defenders Church there and although my parents were not Christians, I attended services and found Christ. This changed my life.

"Before accepting Christ I went places and did things that destroy character, but all became different after I asked Him to save my soul. I came to the north side of the Island and was so blessed by attending services in the Rio Piedras Church that I wanted to live for only one thing, to bring souls to Christ. For that reason I entered the Seminary where I am happy in my studies. I thank all who helped make this school possible for us."

Jose Quiles Figueroa: "In the year 1922 I was born in the small town of Naranjito, near the center of Puerto Rico. Here I lived for fourteen years and went to public school. Both of my parents died when I was very young. After that my two little brothers and I went to live with relatives. We lived where it is very poor and did many things which pains my heart when I look back.

"Four years ago, I was saved. Eternal life is mine and I want only to serve Christ who has done so much for me. I know in my own heart that He has called me to preach. I ask for the prayers of all who read my testimony that I may be loyal to Him and be guided by His Spirit."



Ismael Alvarez Muniz



Francisco Rodriguez



Jose Quiles Figueroa

BOOK REVIEWS

THE AIRWAVES PROCLAIM CHRIST

By Dr. Walter A. Maier . . .
Published by Concordia Publishing House, 297 pages, cloth bound, price \$3.00.

THE SERMONS published in this new book will linger a long time in the hearts and minds of those who read. They will be given a permanent place on the library shelves of discriminating Christian readers for future reference. Each of the 15 messages is a masterpiece in exegesis, doctrine, evangelism and scholarship.

The series was chosen from a larger group of messages, delivered during the fourteenth year of the Lutheran Hour broadcast, by Dr. Walter A. Maier.

They probe the conscience, stir the emotions, move the will, inform the mind and provide enlightenment for spiritual understanding. The subjects were carefully chosen to give widest possible variation to Christian thought.

It should be remembered that Dr. Maier is hampered by arbitrary censorship, imposed through the Mutual Broadcasting Company, when he speaks over the air. Many of his friends and listeners sympathize with him for this handicap. Criticism is mounting because of Mutual's policy.

Some have pointed out that the Company permits the licentious lingo of radio clowns to continue. It allows cigarette and liquor advertising unrestricted access to the air waves. Notorious leftists have expounded their pernicious philosophies through the facilities of the System. All kinds of wares are publicized and sold by secular broadcasts.

But the man of God is not allowed to discuss such evils as Communism . . . or make the faintest financial appeal for help to cover broadcasting costs.

Granted that Dr. Maier was marked for destruction by the notorious L. M. Birkhead, Rex Stout and their so-called "Friends of Democracy" organization in the year 1945. Granted that he has been subjected to the same kind of smearing endured by other opponents of Communism. And granted that his loyalty to God's Word and New Testament re-

ligion produces natural aversion in certain quarters.

Yet, the Mutual Broadcasting Company is in position to know that Birkhead has for 25 years, followed every crook and turn of the Communist Party Line . . . that Rex Stout is a former editor of the Communist *New Masses* . . . that the so-called "Friends of Democracy" is a red outfit, devoted to using the *lie method* for destroying men and women in public life who understand the real motivation of the Communist movement.

Those who hate the Christian religion and free Government have reason to dislike the Lutheran Hour. It exalts the person and deity of Jesus Christ. It moves men toward God. It strengthens the cause of evangelical Christianity. It proclaims the truth of God's Word. It upholds the American system of Government.

Such a message interferes with the program, as mapped by the forces of international atheism, for conquering the world.

In describing the preparation and delivery of these addresses, Dr. Maier says:

"The sermons are printed as they were written, not in the shortened form which the time limitations on the air imposed. The nineteen minutes allotted the speaker on each program, were sometimes too short for the proper and desired emphasis on

certain vital thoughts. The following pages also contain statements of facts which radio officials felt should be omitted."

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"THE AIRWAVES PROCLAIM CHRIST" offers a well-balanced diet from the Christian menu. The sermons average about five thousand words each. One feature that enriches their contents, above others, is the wealth of illustrative material—word pictures, which they contain.

For instance, when Dr. Maier preaches from II Peter 3:7-9, and deals with the horrible potentialities of atomic fire as a future instrument of divine judgment, he opens by discussing the largest and most disastrous fire in American history:

"It occurred 75 years ago in northern Wisconsin. On a fall Sunday in 1871, Peshtigo, a lumber town, lay baked in an autumn heat, heavier than white man or Indian could recall. A deadly silence hung over the village. Not even the cry of a bird could be heard. When noon came, the sun was hidden behind heavy smog from a distant brush fire, started by laborers building a new railroad."

The wind rose. There was a crackling roar. A hissing cone of fire whirled into the town. Pine sidewalks leaped into flames. "Within less than five short min-



Dr. Walter A. Maier



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utes fiery death galloped through Peshigo." When the smoke cleared, more than 1,500 persons were dead, two billion pine trees destroyed, several settlements wiped out and a million and a quarter acres of land charred.

Then Dr. Maier quotes Peter's prophecy: "The heavens and the earth which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men."

The application is made as follows: "The vast acreage wiped out in Wisconsin will be but as a pinhead beside this destruction which leaps from country to country, across ocean after ocean. The flames of which I speak to you today will consume everything; for this is the final fire, the burning of the universe, God's judgment on our sinful race, to which unbreakable Bible truth repeatedly points with the warning . . . May the Holy Spirit help us heed this alarm and prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming."

It seems that the speaker always has an appropriate illustration for every spiritual truth he wishes to emphasize. The 15 chapters may be summarized as follows:

(1) "Must We Fight World War Three?" Text II Chronicles 16:7-9. The question is answered . . . Yes, if America continues in Asa's unbelief. No, if we show Jehoshaphat's trust.

(2) "Wondrous Love That Welcomes All." Text John 6:37. This love permits sinners to come to the Saviour. It promises that no one who comes will be rejected.

(3) "Might or Mercy?" Text II Kings 6:21-23. Might never makes right. Mercy always brings blessing.

(4) "Christ, Keep on Cleansing Our Churches!" Text Matthew 21:12-14. Cleanse them of their weakness. Cleanse them of their wickedness.

(5) "Jesus Christ in Your Home." Text Acts 5:42. Your home needs the forgiving Saviour. Your home needs the strengthening Saviour.

(6) "Gold Or God?" Text I Timothy 6:10-12. Many choose gold to their grief. You should choose God for your glory.

(7) "Begin Life Again With Jesus." Text John 3:6-7. You cannot begin again without Jesus. You must be born again in Jesus.

(8) "God, Make America Pray." Text Psalm 50:15. Make us pray confidently in all our troubles. Make us pray thankfully for all our blessings.

(9) "Fire! The Whole World on Fire!" Text II Peter 3:7-9. The second coming of Christ is at hand. The signs of the times show that we are living in the time of the end. Judgment is approaching.

(10) "The Sure Guide to Glory." Text I John 5:11-13. The Bible reveals Christ as the way to glory. The Bible reveals heaven as the home of glory.

(11) "Crown Christ King." Text John 12:15. He is your God: the mighty King. He is your coming deliverer: the majestic King.

(12) "Make Haste to the Manger." Text Luke 2:16. See the shepherds. Learn from Joseph and Mary. Worship the Christ Child.

(13) "America, Balance Your Books." Text Luke 12:48. Given much, we should show much gratitude. Sinning much, we should show much repentance.

(14) "Be Wise: Believe Christ." Text Matthew 2:10-11. Seek Him. Find Him.

(15) "Christ, Open Our Eyes." Text II Corinthians 4:4-5. Too many are blinded by unbelief. The light can make us see.

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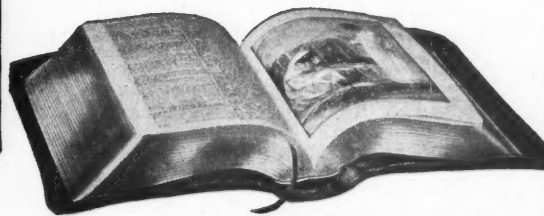
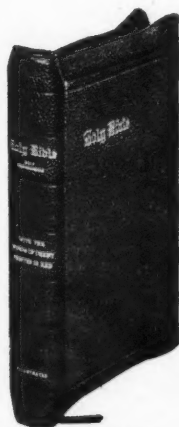
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Lesson Number 1

February 20, 1949

TWELVE MIGHTY MEN

Mark 1:16-20; Luke 6:12-19;
John 15:16.

(1) The Key Word of the Lesson is "Come."

WE ARE TOLD that Jesus knew "the thoughts" of His enemies. This being true, it is safe to surmise that He also understood the heart motives of His friends. The souls of those about Him were open books.

This explains the abrupt, direct and dramatic method used in assembling those who were to become close associates and co-workers. Understanding their deepest thoughts, He knew they were ready. It was like picking ripened fruit. He only needed to say, "Come."

The word "disciple" appears once in the Old Testament (Isaiah 8:16) and several times in the New . . . meaning a learner. It is always applied to one who learns certain principles from another, and maintains them on that other's authority.

Jesus is still seeking learners today—disciples who are willing to follow Him. The invitation into His inner circle is still open. "Come ye after me," He says, "and I will make you to become fishers of men."

The special calling of the Twelve occurred at the start of the second year of Christ's public ministry. Andrew and Simon had followed Jesus earlier. John (the son of Zebedee), Philip and Bartholomew were likewise witnesses to His ministry. But prior to the official call, they had given Him only a portion of their time.

Mark records the occasion when they dropped secular pursuits and "forsook all, and followed him." As usual, his account is concise. The detailed description given by Luke (5:1-11) should be read. Business was good because a large draught of fish had just been caught.

Adam Clarke says: "He who has nothing but a net, and leaves that for the sake of doing good to the souls of men, leaves his all: besides, he lived comfortably by his net before; but, in becoming the ser-

vant of all for Christ's sake, he often exposes himself to the want of even a morsel of bread."

Zebedee and his sons may have been financially prosperous. This is inferred by the reference to their "hired servants" (Mark 1:20) and because of John's acquaintance with the high priest (John 18:15).

Luke keeps the perfect humanity of the Saviour in view, frequently alluding to His periods of prayer. He "continued all night in prayer to God" before assembling the Twelve, to give them special instructions . . . "whom also he named apostles."

The word "apostle" means an ambassador sent forth. Christ's helpers live in one kingdom, but serve Him in another. Paul says: "Our conversation is in heaven" (Philippians 3:20). Conversation, in this passage, can be more correctly rendered "citizenship."

Jesus is looking for ambassadors, born of the Spirit, to go out and represent Him in foreign territory—namely, the world.

(2) The Key Verse is Mark 1:17.

"And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men."

Our Lord often made common objects and events of life figures of things spiritual and eternal. The "fisher" as a figure of a soul winner is singularly appropriate.

According to the context, the word literally means, to "take men alive." There had just been a huge catch of fish. The implication was, that if they would unre-

servedly follow Him, great results might be expected. This anticipation was fully satisfied by subsequent events in connection with His healing and preaching ministry . . . not to mention the dramatic experience at Pentecost when "where were added unto them about three thousand souls" in a single day.

(3) The Key Fact is That God Needs Men.

The Holy Spirit is in the world, in this dispensation, transacting business for the Trinity. It is His mission to carry forward the program inaugurated by the Christ. *He uses men!* He works through men. He goes bankrupt when human beings refuse to cooperate.

Angels cannot preach the good news to a lost world. The animal kingdom possesses none of the necessary capacities. Inanimate matter is useless. Only one type of life is available. He must rely upon men.

Men, twice born men! Men who have felt the sting of conscience, carried a weight of guilt, yielded to the claims of salvation, and risen from their knees "new creatures in Christ Jesus" . . . such men are called to fish in the troubled waters, of the sea of humanity, and bring others to the foot of the Cross.

Lesson Number 2

February 27, 1949

SERMON ON THE MOUNT

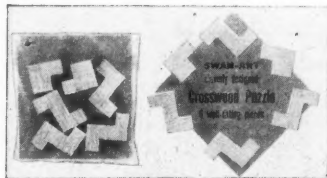
Matthew 5:1-6; 7:21-29

(1) The Key Word of the Lesson is "Kingdom."

IN THE fourth chapter of Matthew's Gospel, Christ announced that "the kingdom of heaven is at hand." In the fifth chapter, He inaugurated the kingdom by explaining its principles.

On that occasion, using a mountainside as a sounding board, and perhaps a boulder for a pulpit, He gave the Church (the saints of all time collectively) its charter—a declaration of principles which belong to believers here and now.

Those who would restrict the joys and advantages of *Beatitude living* to a future age, violate the plain teaching of the Master. Every true child of God, has



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a natural ambition to measure up to the standard set forth, in these nine terse statements. This spiritual enrichment makes them unlike calloused people of the world.

Moreover, these tender utterances contain a special prophetic message for the Church. The order in which the beatitudes appear is not a chance arrangement. Like a golden thread, a consecutive line of thought holds them together, each in its proper place. The nine statements apply to nine specific stages of Church history. They are addressed to Christ's followers, throughout the sweep of the centuries, between the first and second comings.

The first Beatitude fitted the dawn of the Church age: "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for their's is the kingdom of heaven."

After Pentecost, the little Christian community in Jerusalem gave the world a beautiful example of humility of spirit. The saints had all things in common. Each believer laid his possessions at the feet of the apostles. When the world looked at this group, it saw people who had transcended ambition to acquire personal possessions. They were poor in material things but rich in spiritual values.

The last Beatitude will fit the closing period of the Church age: "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake."

As the end approaches, and the stage of the world is made ready for the appearance of the Antichrist, the saints find themselves more and more at the mercy of heartless persecutors. It is reported from behind the iron curtain that Christians residing there, believe they are already in the throes of the "great tribulation."

Beatitudes numbering two through eight, follow the continuity of Church history, with the same accuracy as the first and ninth.

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The Sermon on the Mount—the ultimate in ethical standards, appears, idealistic and impossible to the natural man. But the believer possesses the qualities therein expressed, because being a "new creature in Christ Jesus," he enjoys a new spiritual nature.

(2) The Key Verse is Matthew 5:12.

"Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven."

There have always been skeptics, willing to make light of the Christian hope... who scoff at what they call a dream of "pie in the sky." They are themselves without hope, and therefore conclude that it does not exist for others.

Jesus frequently exhorted His disciples to rejoice because of their anticipation of eternal life. He appealed to this hope as a spur to watchfulness and devotion. The major reason for Christian joy, is the knowledge and experience of God's presence in one's life (John 14:23). The hope of a fuller revelation in eternity, serves to purify and intensify this holy emotion.

Such an attitude makes rejoicing possible, even in the face of bitter persecution.

(3) The Key Fact is that Happiness Accompanies Character.

The first six Beatitudes pronounce blessings upon men because of certain traits of character. These are rare, and not widely distributed in the human race. One wonders why such qualifications exist in some men and not in others. They may be the effect of what old-time theologians called *pre-venient grace*—that moving of God over the spirit of man before regeneration, so that essential virtues become embodied in personality.

Some men resist and will not put themselves in position to appropriate divine grace. Others yield and manifest the new life. We can place ourselves in the way of blessing, and develop character eligible for the blessings pronounced in the Beatitudes.

Lesson Number 3

March 6, 1949

PARABOLIC PREACHING

Mark 4:1-12; Luke 15:1-20

(1) The Key Word of the Lesson is "Parables."

JESUS was the greatest of all teachers. His preaching always contained teaching. It is incorrect to associate teaching only with small groups and preaching with large. In today's lesson, the Master is described as speaking to an enormous throng of people in the open air, but the record says, "He taught them."

The word "preacher" comes from the Greek *kerusso*, which means one who proclaims divine truth. Preaching and teaching were synonyms with Jesus. There is need for this approach in our pulpits today. An artful, homiletically arranged lecture or book review cannot take the place of sound doctrinal teaching on immortality, sin, salvation and other great truths of the Gospel.

Two characteristics of the Parable render it eminently useful in teaching: (1) It is illustrative, assisting to make truth intelligible and vivid to the mind, and (2) It is an argument summoned from the world of nature to witness for the world of spirit (Romans 1:20).

"The mind takes a natural delight in this manner of teaching, appealing as it does, not to the understanding only, but to the feelings, to the imagination—in short, to the whole man, calling all his powers and faculties into pleasurable activity; and things thus learned with delight are those longest remembered," says Dr. William Milligan.

But the imagination of the speaker should not be allowed to run rampant. There are well defined boundaries to be observed: (1) The analogies must be real, not arbitrary. (2) Parables are to be considered as parts of a whole, and the interpretation of one is not to override or encroach upon lessons taught by others. (3) The methods used by Christ present the standard to which all our interpretations are to be referred and measured. (4) The speaker must be sincere and truthful if the Parable is to strike a responsive chord in the heart of the hearer.

The four Gospels record 30 Parables, used by Christ, during His public ministry:

1. The Sower. Matt. 13:3-8; Mark 4:3-8; Luke 8:5-8.
2. The Tares. Matt. 13:24-30.
3. The Mustard Seed. Matt. 13:31-32; Mark 4:31-32; Luke 13:19.
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10. The Two Sons. Matt. 21:28-32.
11. The Wicked Husbandmen. Matt. 21:33-46; Mark 12:1-12; Luke 20:9-19.
12. Marriage of the King's Son. Matt. 22:1-14.
13. The Ten Virgins. Matt. 25:1-13.
14. The Talents. Matt. 25:14-30.
15. The Seed Growing Secretly. Mark 4:26-29.
16. The Two Debtors. Luke 7:41-43.
17. The Good Samaritan. Luke 10:30-37.
18. The Friend at Midnight. Luke 11:5-8.
19. The Rich Fool. Luke 12:16-21.
20. The Barren Fig Tree. Luke 13:6-9.
21. The Great Supper. Luke 14:16-24.
22. The Lost Sheep. Matt. 18:12-14; Luke 15:4-7.
23. The Lost Piece of Money. Luke 15:8-10.
24. The Prodigal Son. Luke 15:11-32.
25. The Unjust Steward. Luke 16:1-8.
26. The Rich Man and Lazarus. Luke 16:19-31.
27. The Unprofitable Servants. Luke 17:7-10.
28. The Unjust Judge. Luke 18:1-8.
29. The Pharisee and the Publican. Luke 18:9-14.
30. The Pounds. Luke 19:11-27.

In addition to the Parables tabulated above, the divine Saviour also used several allegories such as the vine and the branch, the sheep and the shepherd . . . and many saying reflecting parabolic content, such as the house on a rock, children in the market place, the patched garment, the watching servants, etc.

(2) The Key Verse is Mark 4:11.

"And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God."

Special knowledge is required to understand spiritual truth. Persons encased in a wall of materialism, lack capacity to discern "the things of God." Such members of our Lord's listening audience, were able to grasp only the *outside* of His messages. The more important *inner* truths, were reserved for those who had been initiated into the realm of the spiritual.

A woman once said to an artist: "I can't see anything extraordinary in your painting." To which the artist replied: "Don't you wish you could?"

(3) The Key Fact is That Christ Seeks Sinners.

The word "lost" appears frequently in today's lesson . . . the lost sheep, the lost coin, the lost son. Our Lord is portrayed as the seeking Saviour.

The Parable of the lost sheep, portrays the fact that had there been only one sinner in the world—you! . . . the Good Shepherd would have left the heavenly fold and come to this earth to suffer and

die. Similar urgency is suggested in the narrative of the woman who searched "diligently" for her precious coin. "Likewise, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."

The Parable of the Prodigal, indicates the necessity of repentance on the part of the sinner . . . who must say, "I will arise and go to my father, and I will say unto him, Father I have sinned against heaven, and before thee."

Jesus is no less the seeking Saviour today, than He was in the days of His flesh.

Lesson Number 4

March 13, 1949

PROFERRED HELP FOR HUMANS

Mark 5:21-43; Luke 7:19-28

(1) The Key Word of the Lesson is "Astonishment."

CHRISTIANITY is primarily a system of supernaturalism. A supernatural Bible. A supernatural Christ. A supernatural experience. No true believer will shy away from miracles.

Enemies working inside the Church have substituted naturalism for supernaturalism. Miracles are repugnant to them. Modernism is Christianity with the supernatural content destroyed.

All sorts of definitions are given for Christianity today. Some define it as mere altruism, keeping the Golden Rule, observing ethical standards or living according to moral principles. There are liberal churchmen who even go so far as to advocate a Christless Christianity, or at least a Christianity to which the divine Christ is not indispensable.

These people mistake humanitarianism for New Testament religion. It is one thing to be a good fellow . . . but quite another thing to be a Christian!

False teachings are eating at the heart of the Church. There are some who have a concept of Christianity which is virtually atheistic. Bible-believing Christians should refuse to be guided by such leadership.

The lesson for today is devoted to miracles. John the Baptist, languishing in a prison cell, became overtaken with doubts. He wondered if, after all, Christ was really deity incarnate. He sent messengers to learn the truth. Our Lord answered by calling attention to the demonstrations of supernatural power which were then in progress:

"The blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the gospel is preached."

Those who waited upon the ministry of the Saviour "were astonished with great astonishment" over the fact of miracles. Spiritual declension robbed the Church of its miracle-working power immediately following the apostolic era. But here and there, with the passing of the centuries, great souls have been called out to retrieve the losses in some measure. Meanwhile, a mighty army of Christians has marched down the corridors of the Church age, declaring their faith in the supernatural.

(2) The Key Verse is Mark 5:24.

"And Jesus went with him."

Jairus, being in great distress, asked Christ to come home with him. This is the wisest possible course that the head of any household can pursue. Jesus accepted the invitation. While on the way, a messenger came with the sad news that the daughter had died. "Be not afraid, only believe," whispered the Saviour to his host.

The father showed willingness to continue. This cooperation with the Lord resulted in bringing his child back to life. Had Jairus doubted the power of Christ even to raise the dead, all would have been lost. There is something for us to do! We must cooperate with the Christ to get results.

(3) The Key Fact is That Jesus is the Greatest of All Helpers.

The message of the lesson today should be given application in our personal lives. The text shows Christ to be on the helping hand, no matter the problems that develop. He is near at hand to comfort and succor those in need. The believer should, through consecration and prayer, function on spiritual levels where he can be at all times within speaking distance of his Friend and Saviour.

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